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Happening Today

NGA Cyber Security Summit

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe gives the keynote address at the National Governor's Association's three-day regional cybersecurity summit, Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Avenue, summit starting at 8 a.m. with McAuliffe's address at 11:30 a.m.

Peyser, South Coast superintendents discuss education

Secretary of the Education James Peyser will meet with the SouthCoast Development Partnership to discuss regional education attainment issues, with school superintendents from area districts attending, UMass Dartmouth School of Law, 333 Faunce Corner Rd., Dartmouth, 9 a.m.

Markey on school PCBs report

U.S. Sen. Edward Markey participates in a media call on a new Environmental Working Group report that says American school children are being exposed to unsafe concentrations of PCBs, 888-437-3179, 9:30 a.m.

Governor’s Council

The Governor's Council holds a hearing on Gov. Baker's nomination of attorney James Gavin Reardon to the Superior Court bench, 10:30 a.m., and then later meets for a possible vote on the nomination of Karen Green to a seat on the Superior Court bench, Council Chamber, Room 360, 12 p.m.

Walsh tours new Autodesk ‘BUILD space'

Mayor Martin Walsh tours the new Autodesk "BUILD space" during its grand opening, 23 Drydock Ave., Boston, 11 a.m.

Drought Management Task Force

The Drought Management Task Force meets to receive updates on the current status of the drought and to discuss recommendations to change the state's current regional drought index levels, 100 Cambridge St., 2nd floor, Boston, 12 p.m.

Rosenberg at World Teachers’ Day

Senate President Stan Rosenberg speaks at a World Teachers' Day event, McCarthy Center, Framingham State University, 1:30 p.m.

MetroWest Regional Transit Authority

Gov. Baker, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack and MBTA Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve will attend a ceremony for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority to take over authority of the Framingham Commuter Rail Station and its 167-space commuter parking lot., 147 Waverly St., Framingham, 4 p.m.

Baker at Campanale fundraiser

Gov. Baker attends an Oktoberfest-themed fundraiser for Leicester Republican Rep. Kate Campanale, according to her campaign, Peppercorns Grille and Tavern, 455 Park Ave., Worcester, 6 p.m.

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Today's News

Harvard dining-hall workers go on strike

Dozens of Harvard's dining service workers began picketing early this morning, "commencing a historic strike precipitated by months of tense—and ultimately fruitless—negotiations with the University," the Harvard Crimson is reporting. "The workers' strike marks the first time they have walked off the job during the academic year, according to Brian Lang, president of UNITE HERE Local 26." In an earlier piece, the Crimson's Brandon Dixon reported three dining halls will be shut down due to the strike, but the university is planning to provide "modestly modified menu options (akin to when there are weather events)," according to the university's dining service's web site.

Harvard Crimson

There he goes again: Weld to dump Libertarians to fight Trump and rebuild GOP

When former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld announced he was running for vice president on the Libertarian ticket, he and his move were variously described as "quixotic," "quirky," "eccentric," etc., i.e. classic "unpredictable" Weld. Can we now add "dishonest" to the list of those words? According to the Globe's Michael Levenson and Frank Phillips, Weld, a Republican who vowed to remain a Libertarian for the rest of his life after he was nominated as the party's VP candidate, now says he plans to focus all his energy on blasting Donald Trump and possibly later helping Mitt Romney and others rebuild the Republican Party. "Maybe somebody is going to come up with a new playbook, and I don't know who it's going to be, but it would be fun to participate," Weld said of rebuilding the GOP. As for his Libertarian membership: "I'm certainly not going to drop them this year." In other words, he's already dumped them in his

mind. As a New York magazine headline puts it: “Libertarian VP Candidate Bill Weld Gives Up.”

We’ve learned to expect erratic behavior from Weld, but not this erratic, this fast.

Boston Globe

Go third party, young voter, go third party

Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson can’t be too happy about Bill Weld’s latest antics. But if a recent Quinnipiac University survey is accurate, both Johnson and the Green Party’s Jill Stein can take heart. The Libertarian and Green party nominees are polling rather well among young voters aged 18-34, with nearly half of all young voters planning to cast their ballots for third party candidate in November, reports Kelly Thomas at New Boston Post. “I’m choosing to support Gary Johnson because I don’t believe either major party candidate represents my political beliefs or values,” said Kiera O’Brien, a Harvard freshman and member of the college’s Republican Club.

New Boston Post

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Non-objective truth on last night's VP debate

This is refreshing: Both the Globe's James Pindell and the Herald's Chris Cassidy provide non-mealy-mouthed assessments of last night's vice presidential debate: Mike Pence won. Pindell is more blunt about it, while Cassidy just lets the adjectives rip in typical Herald fashion. But both make the same fundamental point. One caveat: Pindell rightly questions whether Pence's performance will actually help his Republican running mate, Donald Trump. Answer: It won't.

Huge setback for Hillary: Founder of Pizza Party plans to vote for Trump

Yes, there really is an officially designated Pizza Party in Massachusetts, not to be confused with the Pirate or Prohibition Party, according to the secretary of state's office, and Charlie Peters at the Enterprise has the scoop that the Pizza Party founder plans to vote for Donald Trump. "We believe in cheese pizza as the principle," said Josh Freeman, founder of the Pizza Party.

The Enterprise

Hillary 'too cocky'?

U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano is worried that fellow Democrat Hillary Clinton may be "too cocky" heading into the second presidential debate against Donald Trump, reports the Herald's Chris Villani. "Oh God, yes, that's been my biggest concern from Day 1," Capuano said on Herald Radio yesterday. "She has to be real careful about being too cocky, and I think there are too many supporters of hers who are too cocky about it — especially when you live in Massachusetts."

Boston Herald

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It's Time to Get Serious About Retirement Security

FACT: Half the private sector workforce in Massachusetts doesn't have access to a retirement plan. That's more than a million working families who have no easy or simple way to save for their post-work years.

Read the Boston Globe's call for legislative action here.

DCR fallout, the latest chapter: Baker yanks state-owned cars from workers

Saying it's part of an overall "cost-saving measure," Gov. Charlie Baker has stripped dozens of state employees of their take-home government car perks, or "domicile privileges," as the governor puts it, reports the Herald's Matt Stout. But the move also comes after the abrupt resignations of two Department of Conservation and Recreation deputies, one of whom was accused of using his state-owned car's lights and siren to hurry through busy city traffic. The same deputy, Matt Sisk, was also one of two DCR honchos suspended last month for using state resources for a private GOP-hosted bash. From the Herald's Howie Carr: "Poor Matt, age 38, fired from his final $112,200 slot in the state GOP hackerama as 'deputy commissioner of operations' for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Recreation, indeed. In retrospect, that was Matt's problem, the Recreation part. Too much Recreation, not enough Conservation."

Charter battle spills over into school classrooms

Supporters and opponents of Question 2 are really going at it in the political trenches, politicking in seemingly every nook and cranny of the state, including schools, as the battle rages over whether to lift the cap on charter schools in Massachusetts. The result: Ethics complaints are streaming in from partisans on both sides of the fight, many centering on politicking at and around schools, reports the Globe's David Scharfenberg. "State officials have not yet issued any public rulings on whether the activities violate the state law prohibiting the use of taxpayer-funded resources for political campaigns," Scharfenberg writes. "But the politicking on school grounds has triggered sharp reaction from some parents and elected officials."

On a charter-school legal front: A Suffolk County Court judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed on behalf of five schoolchildren that tried to lift the current cap on charter schools in Massachusetts, reports Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive.com. Meaning: The reality is that the issue will be settled by Question 2, as has been obvious for months now.

Boston Globe

Spirituality and medical science brought to bear against Question 4

The state's four Roman Catholic bishops -- Archbishop of Boston Sean P. O'Malley, Bishop of Worcester Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Springfield Mitchell T. Rozanski and Bishop of Fall River Edgar M. de Cunha – have come out against the legalization of recreational marijuana in Massachusetts, saying legalization is “not a path civil society should choose to take," reports Jordan Grice at MassLive. Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Medical Society and 10 statewide physician specialty groups yesterday declared their opposition to Question 4, with the president of the doctors group saying Question 4 “lacks any consideration for the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth, especially our young people,” reports Michael Norton at State House News Service (pay wall).

Pilgrim Nuclear VP: Talk of closing Plymouth plant early is irresponsible

John Dent, site vice president at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth and a Duxbury resident, says the Plymouth nuclear plant is perfectly safe and warns that shutting it down before 2019 would only lead to a spike in regional carbon emissions, as what happened after the closure of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in 2014. “Given the economic, environmental, and electricity production benefits Pilgrim provides, for anyone to call for its early closure is irresponsible,” he writes at CommonWealth magazine. “Instead, now is the time to continue to plan how to replace the environmental, economic, and electric system benefits that Pilgrim has provided to New England for over 40 years. This will be no easy task.”

CommonWealth

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Nurses blast new rule changes

Nurses are furious over regulatory proposals they say would allow unlicensed workers to administer medications and lead to other changes that could put patients at risks, reports SHNS's Katie Lannan at the Berkshire Eagle. Members of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, wearing blue scrubs and stickers saying "Every patients deserves a nurse," packed a hearing yesterday of the Board Registration in Nursing, which is now weighing a number of regulatory changes opposed by nurses.

Berkshire Eagle

SJC ruling on parental rights seen as game-changer

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ruled that parental rights extend to members of same-sex relationships who were never married and have no biological connection to the child, Milton Valencia and John Ellement of the Globe report. The decision, seen extending a national trend to provide parental rights beyond marriage and biology, was hailed by gay rights groups. "The real beneficiaries here are the children," said Mary Bonauto, of GLAD, which assisted the woman, Karen Partanen, who was at the center of the

case.

Boston Globe

Worcester councilor drops libel suit

Worcester City Councilor Michael Gaffney will drop a $1 million libel lawsuit against the InCity Times after the publication issued a correction yesterday to a February story that claimed a Gaffney supporter came to a fundraiser wearing blackface, Brad Petrishen of the Telegram reports. The InCity Times issued a correction saying “these statements are not true.” Gaffney said he decided to drop the suit in part because he believes the publication and its ownership do not have the resources to make it worthwhile.

The Telegram

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‘Fired’ Gloucester chief still on payroll

Gloucester Police Chief Leonard Campanello continues to collect on his $127,890 annual salary as he awaits a formal termination hearing, Ray Lamont of the Gloucester Times reports. The city’s mayor said she hopes to hold the hearing within 30 days and possibly as soon as next week. Meanwhile, the

Times also reports it has filed freedom of information act requests for numerous documents related to Campanello's ouster and an investigation that led to the suspension of a sergeant in the department.

Gloucester Times

Healey to sue feds over refuge control

Attorney General Maura Healey will sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, saying the agency overstepped its authority by issuing rules for the use of fishing and shellfishing areas near the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Doug Fraser of the Cape Cod Times reports. Healey's office, which says local and state officials had controlled use of the waters for decades before the feds issued new rules in 2014, now has six months to actually file a lawsuit.

Cape Cod Times

ACLU: There's no way the state can retry 24,000 Dookhan-tainted cases, so throw 'em out

The head of the Massachusetts ACLU says the state should throw out 24,000 convictions in drug cases potentially impacted by tainted evidence connected to the Annie Dookhan controversy, Amanda McGowan of WGBH reports. Carol Rose says while the state's highest court has cleared the way for those convicted to seek new trials, that solution is untenable because the state's courts do not have the capacity to re-hear that many cases. "If we were to re-litigate these, re-prosecute these, on a case-by-case basis, we've calculated it would take 48 years," Rose said. "You can't give people their due process. It's not physically possible."

WGBH

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10 Springfield city councilors sign letter asking Mayor Sarno for materials on suspensions of detective - MassLive

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